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SENATE BILL No. 215

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Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Commission on caregivers. Establishes the governor's commission on caregivers to study issues regarding the availability and quality of caregivers in long term care health settings. Requires the commission to submit a report to the governor and legislative council by not later than October 1, 2002. Allows the commission to contract with a private individual or organization to provide the staff support necessary for the operation of the commission, including conducting research and developing the required report. Appropriates \$75,000 from the state general fund for the commission to fulfill its purpose.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

Miller, Merritt, Young R

January 9, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

January 30, 2001, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "commission" refers to the governor's commission on
3 caregivers established by subsection (d).

4 (b) As used in this SECTION, "health facility" has the meaning
5 set forth in IC 16-18-2-167.

6 (c) As used in this SECTION, "long term care caregivers"
7 means certified nurse aides, licensed practical nurses, and
8 registered nurses employed in health facilities, home health care,
9 and other community based settings.

10 (d) The governor's commission on caregivers is established.

11 (e) The commission consists of the following members:

12 (1) The governor or the governor's designee, who shall serve
13 as the chairperson.

14 (2) The state health commissioner (IC 16-19-4-2) or the
15 commissioner's designee.

16 (3) The president of the Indiana state board of nursing
17 (IC 25-23-1-5) or the president's designee.

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(4) The secretary of family and social services (IC 12-8-1-2) or the secretary's designee.

(5) The chairman of the commission for higher education (IC 20-12-0.5-7) or the chairman's designee.

(6) The state superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.

(7) The commissioner of the department of workforce development (IC 22-4.1-3-1) or the commissioner's designee.

(8) The director of the department of commerce (IC 4-4-3-2) or the director's designee.

(9) The commissioner of the department of labor (IC 22-1-1-2) or the commissioner's designee.

(10) One (1) member appointed by the governor to represent each of the following organizations:

(A) The Indiana Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

(B) The Indiana Health Care Association.

(C) The Indiana Association for Home and Hospice Care.

(D) The Indiana State Nurses Association.

(E) The Indiana Health and Hospital Association.

(F) The Indiana Home Care Task Force.

(G) The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

(H) United Senior Action.

(I) The Indiana University School of Nursing.

(J) The Ivy Tech State College.

(11) One (1) member appointed by the governor to represent a private postsecondary educational institution that offers nursing degrees.

(f) The commission shall do the following:

(1) Review data and information on the availability of and need for long term care caregivers.

(2) Evaluate barriers to increasing the supply of long term care caregivers.

(3) Evaluate the adequacy of existing training programs in the state for long term care caregivers.

(4) Develop recommendations to increase the supply of long term care caregivers, including the following:

(A) Welfare to work programs.

(B) Worker recruitment and incentive programs.

(C) Immigration.

(D) Linkages between training programs and the long term care and senior services industries.



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- 1 (E) Cross-training of nurse aides across the continuum of
2 long term care services.
- 3 (F) Potential roles for various state agencies and
4 educational institutions represented on the commission.
- 5 (g) Eleven (11) members of the commission constitute a quorum.
- 6 (h) The affirmative votes of at least eleven (11) members of the
7 commission are required for the commission to take any action,
8 including the approval of a final report.
- 9 (i) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee
10 is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
11 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).
- 12 (j) The commission may contract with a private individual or
13 organization to provide the staff support necessary for the
14 operation of the commission, including conducting research and
15 developing the report required under subsection (l).
- 16 (k) The commission shall submit a report to the governor and
17 the legislative council by not later than October 1, 2002.
- 18 (l) There is appropriated to the commission seventy-five
19 thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the state general fund to
20 implement this SECTION, beginning July 1, 2001, and ending
21 October 1, 2002.
- 22 (m) Funds appropriated under subsection (l) do not revert to the
23 state general fund at the close of a state fiscal year but remain
24 available to the commission through October 1, 2002.
- 25 (n) This SECTION expires October 2, 2002.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senators Merritt and Young R be added
as coauthors of Senate Bill 215.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 215, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 25, delete "Community College of Indiana." and insert "**Ivy Tech State College.**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 215 as introduced.)

GARTON, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 2.

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